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vaccination, as outlined, will prove to be a valuable aid to the local health authorities in their efforts to suppress a loathsome disease.

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *March 26, 1896.*

Surgeon in charge U. S. marine hospital, New Orleans, La.:

SIR: At a meeting of this exchange yesterday a copy of your recent circular letter relative to the vaccination of the crews of the various steamboats represented, was read and discussed and it was unanimously agreed that such service should be accepted and the mates of all boats be instructed to ship up no men on deck who do not hold certificates of vaccination, and a disposition was manifested to lend a hearty cooperation in every way possible with your office and the local authorities for the suppression of the smallpox and the preservation of the general health. Your prompt and willing action was referred to and appreciated, and the ready response of your gentlemanly assistants had like appreciation, and, doubtless, your office will have many calls for such service.

Again thanking you, I am, very truly, yours,

CHAS. P. TRUSLOW,
President Steamboat Captains' and Owners' Exchange.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *March 21, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the officers and crew of the steamer *Imperial* of the Red River Line were vaccinated to-day by an officer of the service detailed for that purpose upon request of the president of the line. It is proposed to continue the vaccination of crews of river steamboats, but a sanitary inspector to do the work will not be needed at present. Should one be required I will nominate by telegraph. Necessary vaccine will be purchased here.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *March 24, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a negro roustabout, suffering from smallpox, was sent to the city pesthouse from this hospital to-day.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Scarlet fever in Seattle, Wash. (Correction).

Under date of March 10 the health officer for the city of Seattle calls attention to the report of scarlet fever in Seattle, published in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, Vol. XI, No. 9, page 179. He states that:

"During the year ended December 31, 1895, there were 264 cases and 7 deaths from scarlet fever reported. During January, 1896, there were 2 cases and no deaths. During February, 1896, there were 12 cases and 1 death. No public schools have been closed since June, 1895."